

## **CHRIST OVERFLOWING**

Walking in Christ

Colossians 2:1-7

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These questions are provided for your further study and application of Sunday's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of the study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Bible Study Groups at Broadview Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit broadviewchurch.com/biblestudies or email us at contact@broadviewchurch.com.

1. In verse 2, what does Paul say he wants for the congregations that have not seen in him person? What connection do you believe exists between being "encouraged and joined together in love" and having "all the riches of complete understanding and...the knowledge of God's mystery?" Where is complete understanding found?

2. Read Proverbs 3:19. How does that verse compare with Col. 1:3? Is the creation of the earth and all it contains just a random accident? If "all the treasures of wisdom of knowledge" reside in Christ, then what is one consequence of this truth?

3. If something sounds reasonable, are people likely to believe it to be true? If people are likely to believe reasonable things, then what does the enemy need to do to get us to believe a lie? In verse 4, Paul expresses concern that believers might be deceived. What are some reasonable-sounding ideas that deceive believers today?

4. Read Ephesians 2:8 and Romans 3:28. How have you received Christ Jesus as Lord? According to Colossians 2:6, if we have received Christ by faith, what do you think it means to walk in him by faith? In verse 7, what are the results we can expect from walking in faith?

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1 For I want you to know how greatly I am struggling for you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me in person. 2 I want their hearts to be encouraged and joined together in love, so that they may have all the riches of complete understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery—Christ. 3 In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable. 5 For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ. 6 So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

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